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2018 Northwest Region Honey Production down 11 percent from 2017

Idaho's 2018 honey production, at 2.98 million pounds, was 29 percent lower than 2017. There were 96,000 honey producing colonies, 1,000 higher than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 31 pounds compared with 44 pounds per colony in 2017. Idaho's value of honey production, at \$5.83 million, was 22 percent lower than 2017.

Oregon's 2018 honey production, at 3.26 million pounds, was 4 percent higher than 2017. There were 93,000 honey producing colonies, 15,000 higher than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 35 pounds compared with 40 pounds per colony in 2017. Oregon's value of honey production, at \$7.23 million, was 10 percent higher than 2017.

Washington's 2018 honey production, at 3.31 million pounds, was 4 percent lower than 2017. There were 77,000 honey producing colonies, unchanged from the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 43 pounds compared with 45 pounds per colony in 2017. Washington's value of honey production, at \$6.99 million, was 17 percent lower than 2017.

Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2017 and 2018

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

	Honey producing colonies ¹	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average price per pound ³	Value of production ⁴
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(cents)	(1,000 dollars)
Idaho						
2017	95	44	4,180	1,045	179	7,482
2018	96	31	2,976	655	196	5,833
Oregon						
2017	78	40	3,120	998	210	6,552
2018	93	35	3,255	1,009	222	7,226
Washington						
2017	77	45	3,465	1,594	244	8,455
2018	77	43	3,311	563	211	6,986
United States ⁵						
2017	2,683	55.5	148,980	30,662	219.9	334,166
2018	2,803	54.4	152,348	29,091	216.6	333,482

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

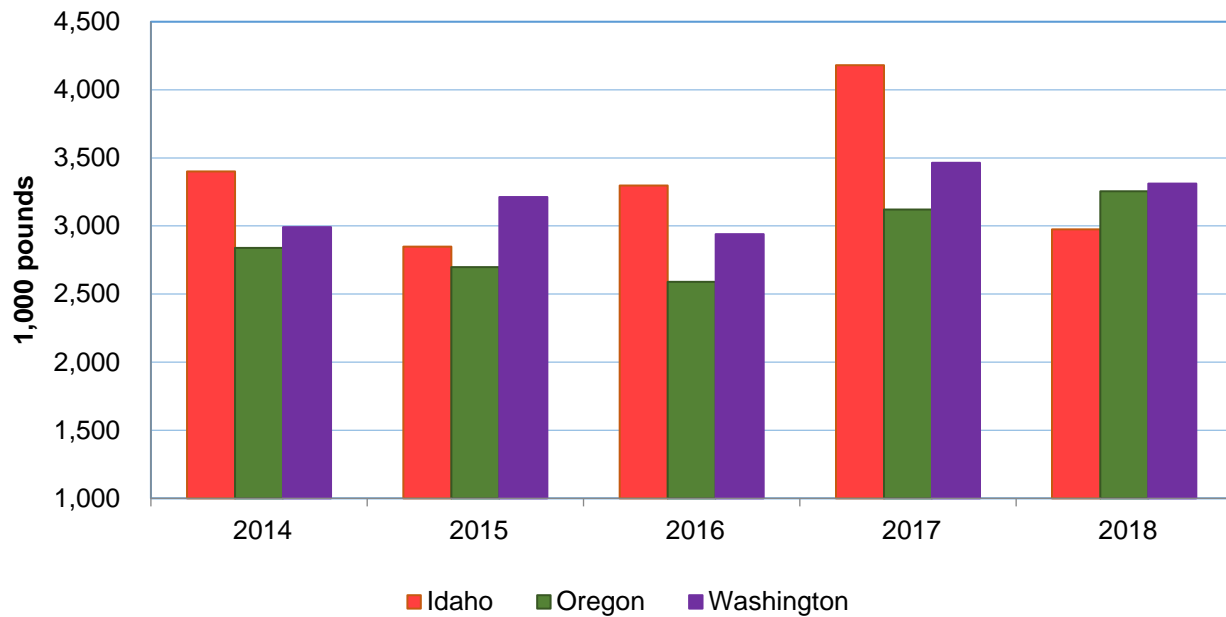
² Stocks held by producers.

³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

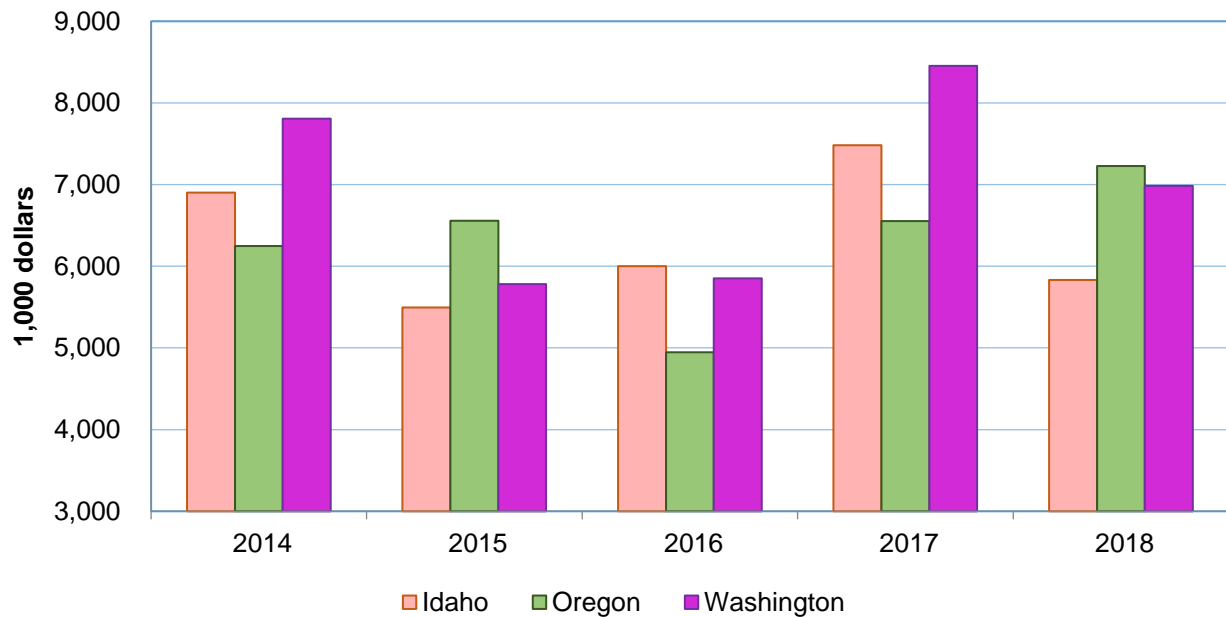
⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

Honey Production—Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014-2018



Honey Value of Production— Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2014 - 2018



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